

Sovereignty Issue

Shanghai Communique, 27 Feb 72

The United States acknowledges that all Chinese on either side of the Taiwan Strait maintain there is but one China and that Taiwan is part of China. The United States Government does not challenge that position.

Normalization Communique, 15 Dec 78

The United States recognizes the Government of the People's Republic of China as the sole legal government of China.

The Government of the United States of America acknowledges the Chinese position that there is but one China and Taiwan is part of China.

President Reagan's Letter to Deng Xiaoping, 6 Apr 82

The United States firmly adheres to the position agreed upon in the joint communique on the establishment of diplomatic relations between the United States and China. There is only one China. We will not permit the unofficial relations between the American people and the people of Taiwan to weaken our commitment to this principle.

Draft Communique currently under negotiation

President has approved:

In the Joint Communique on the Establishment of Diplomatic Relations between the United States of America and the People's Republic of China on January 1, 1979, the United States of America recognized that the Government of the People's Republic of China is the sole legal Government of China and acknowledged the Chinese position that Taiwan is a part of China. The two sides agreed, within that context, that the people of the United States would continue to maintain cultural, commercial and other unofficial relations with the people of Taiwan.

President has approved:

The United States Government, in reiterating all the foregoing positions wishes to make clear that it has no desire or intention to infringe on Chinese sovereignty or territorial integrity or to pursue a policy of "two Chinas"

Chinese counterdraft tabled in Beijing, 22 Jan 82

The question of Taiwan is China's internal affair. The United States government reiterates . . . that it has no intention of infringing on Chinese sovereignty and interfering in China's internal affairs or pursuing a policy of "two China" or "one China, one Taiwan."

State Dept. review completed

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